

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No.: 10/617,872

3. (original): The porous sintered metal according to claim 2, wherein said porous sintered metal has a porosity of 85 to 95%.

4. (original): A filter comprising the porous sintered metal recited in claim 1.

Claims 5-12 (canceled).